

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please delete the paragraph on page 1 starting at line 4 and insert therefore the following:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/420,698 filed on October 19, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,305,382 and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/290,539 filed on April 12, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/833,579, filed on April 7, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,893,372.

Please amend page 17, lines 12-16 as follows:

From TABLE 2 it can be seen that when the basis weight, and more specifically the fiber basis weight, of a cigarette wrapping paper was decreased, the mainstream carbon monoxide delivery decreased from 17.7 mg/cig to 16.5 mg/cig. The amount of fiber basis weight in a paper wrapper has a noticeable affect on the carbon monoxide delivery of a smoking article.

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